



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,



Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God”

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Sept 2025 entry Open Day	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term	3.20pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school	8.50am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Evening (School finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm

## School Term Dates 2024 -2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 to Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>END OF YEAR</b>

**Teacher Days –**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**Bank Holidays –**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## St Joseph’s Parish

Mass at St Joseph’s Church takes place every **Sunday morning at 9.45am**. Please do try to attend Mass as often as you can.

## Pastoral Team

In school we have a team of safeguarding DSLs, Wellbeing staff and we also have a Pastoral Team. Our Pastoral Team is made up of myself (Mrs Ashley), Mr Caffrey, Mrs Boxwell, Mrs Gowen, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane. If any parents want to discuss any issues, please contact us at [pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk)

## Teacher Day / October Half-term

As indicated in the term dates sent out earlier in the year, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October will be a teacher day. This means that we will break up for October half term on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm  
We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.50am.

## National Recycling Week - 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> October

The 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> October is National Recycling Week. The Eco Committee have been producing posters please see them below.

## Childs name on School Uniform

Just a reminder, please ensure that you put your child's name on all their uniform so that if it gets lost, we can easily identify it. **If your child has no name on their uniform and it gets lost unfortunately there is nothing we can do.** Most children within the class will have the same size clothes and it is impossible to tell them apart without them being labelled. Please be aware that the school is unable to replace lost uniform.

## 'Supporting Fussy Eaters' webinar

Birmingham Public Health team have asked us to let you know that Maximus (Birmingham's Family Weight Management provider) will be delivering a FREE online webinar on Supporting Fussy Eaters.

The session will cover:

- what fussy eating is
- the causes of fussy eating
- the types of fussy eaters
- a range of practical solutions to manage and improve fussy eating

It will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 6-7pm**. Please follow this link to sign up to the session: [Supporting Fussy Eaters](#)

This session is open to all parents of children attending schools in Birmingham.

## Starting School - Reception 2025 – apply now!

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2025. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice



## Reception 2025 Open Session

We are holding an Open Session **NEXT Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** from 2.00pm to 3.00pm for those parents/carers whose children are due to start school in September 2025. If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, please come along. If you know anyone who has children in Nursery and is considering sending their child to St. Joseph's, please send them along too! We will be proud to show you around our school. A image file of our Open day poster is attached with your email today. Please feel free to share this with friends and family who may be interested.

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## Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2025

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025. Applications for a secondary school place starting September 2025 can be made between 12 September and 31 October 2024. You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late. Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council **by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

## Penalty Notice fines for holidays / poor attendance



Please note that the rules for attendance have changed from September 2024. Any days of absences that are unauthorised (this also includes 'late after registration' marks where a child arrives after 9.15am) will now count towards number of absences. **Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, or less days if you have had previous unauthorised absence in the 10 weeks prior to the holiday. The fine for unauthorised holiday is now £160 for each parent (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days) for each child that was absent. For example, if you have 3 children absent for term time leave, this would result in each parent receiving a fine of £480 (reduced to £240 if paid within 28 days).**

**Please bear this in mind when you are booking travel arrangements for the school holidays. Any children who are not back in school on time will be fined if they fit into the categories above. Medical absences either side of school holidays will require evidence of illness for them to be authorised.**

## Lunch-time Award

Our weekly lunchtime reward system is open to all children, to earn a reward certificate for good behaviour during lunchtimes. Children will be chosen each week and will receive their certificate in assembly and be mentioned in the newsletter.

Our lunchtime award winners for this week are:

Pareesa - Reception                      Kebba - Year 1  
Eldana - Year 4                              Kayla - Year 5



## Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

As you know, it is very important that children attend school every day, both for their wellbeing and academic achievement and also to encourage good habits for their future working life. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!



## Attendance – week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Well done to **Reception** who had the best attendance this week with a **fabulous 100%**!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

**Reception: 100%**      Year One: 94.5%      Year Two 98.3%      Year Three: 94.1%  
Year Four: 98.6%      Year Five: 97.4%      Year Six: 98.9%

This gives a whole school attendance of **97.3%**

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Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week;

Reception	Melody	Excellent work in Maths
Year 1	Yosan	Excellent answers in RE this week!! 😊
Year 2	Milka	Excellent Maths work this week
Year 3	Praskhana	Her positive attitude and settling in so quickly.
Year 4	Khasim	Showing improvement in front crawl and backstroke. Well done!
Year 5	Buruk	Motivation and improvement and settling in so quickly.
Year 6	Agape	Brilliant understanding in Maths this week 😊

## This Week's News



**Reception** have been very generous with their harvest gifts.

Thank you to all the Reception parents, who attended our Welcome Service on Friday.

Reception have had so much fun making patterns and shapes with chalk. Good job it washes off!



In **Science Club**, we made secret messages. We used bicarbonate of soda, lime juice and blackcurrant juice to reveal our messages.



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START BEING ECO NOW!

14-20 October

**NEXT** or that week **RECYCLING WEEK!**

Remember to get prepared!

**STOP** Pollution

**WEEK**

Get ready to get Recycling week do it always!

**RECYCLING!**



**SEVENTH!**



If you see someone littering say!

DO NOT FORGET!

**STOP PUT YOUR LITTER IN THE BIN!**

Take care of the environment!

Treat with love! For all Ages!



**Approved!**

**DON'T BE A POLLUTING BULLY! Be a Recycling Buddy!**

From: Eida no 13

**NO plastic BAG**



We should Recycle Reuse and Reduce.

**THINK**

green forever

**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**

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**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**



We recycle what we use Separate things and you should too!! Glass and Paper, Plastic, Tin Go in your recycling bin! We must start now, we can't wait, quick! Or it will be too late!



What can you recycle??



Help us out!

Young & Old...

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